



## CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Los Angeles – More Than 400 lbs of Meth Recovered in Multi-County Drug Trafficking Operation

(U) Hundreds of pounds of illegal drugs were seized last week along with firearms and more than \$150,000 in cash after warrants were served in several California counties. The seizure was made by police with assistance from the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office, the FBI, Merced Area Gang and Narcotic Enforcement Team, and the DEA, following a months-long investigation. A total of nine search warrants were served during the investigation, resulting in 14 arrests. Law enforcement seized 451 pounds of methamphetamine, 160 gallons of liquid methamphetamine, 11.5 pounds of cocaine, 23 pounds of heroin, 300 fentanyl pills, 26 pounds of marijuana, \$155,717 cash, and nine firearms.

SOURCE: 18 November 2022, [KRON 4](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) Colorado – Gunman Kills Five in Colorado LGBTQ Nightclub Before Being Stopped by Patrons

(U) Colorado Springs – A 22-year-old gunman entered an LGBTQ nightclub in Colorado Springs just before midnight Saturday and immediately opened fire, killing at least five people and injuring 25 others, before patrons confronted and stopped him. The suspect in the shooting at Club Q was identified as Anderson Lee Aldrich, who used a long rifle in the shooting. Two other firearms were found at the scene. Aldrich was arrested in June 2021 in connection with a bomb threat that led to a standoff at his mother's home. Police said they were investigating whether the attack was a hate crime.

SOURCE: 20 November 2022, [Associated Press](#) [CNN](#)

#### (U) Florida – Coast Guard Offloads More Than \$101 Million in Illegal Narcotics

(U) Miami – The crew of the US Coast Guard Cutter Northland offloaded approximately 5,363 pounds of cocaine last week worth an estimated \$101 million in Port Everglades. The drugs were interdicted during five separate cases in the international waters of the Caribbean Sea by elements of the Coast Guard and of the US and Netherlands. As a result, 11 suspected smugglers will face prosecution in federal court.

SOURCE: 17 November 2022, [USCG](#)

#### (U) New York – Two Arrested for Making Threats to Attack New York Synagogue

(U) New York City – Two men have been arrested and charged in connection with online threats to attack a New York City synagogue after investigators uncovered a developing threat to the Jewish community on Friday. Officers from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) arrested the two men as they were entering Penn Station in Manhattan early Saturday. One was in possession of an 8-inch military-style knife with a 4-inch blade, a Swastika arm patch, and a ski mask and admitted to operating a white supremacist Twitter group.

SOURCE: 21 November 2022, [ABC7 NY](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) Bangladesh – Two Militants Convicted of Killing US Blogger Escape from Bangladesh Court**

(U) Dhaka – Two Islamist militants sentenced to death for killing a US blogger critical of religious extremism escaped from a crowded court in Bangladesh's Dhaka yesterday. Avijit Roy, an engineer of Bangladeshi origin was killed, and his wife was injured by machete-wielding assailants in February 2015 while returning home with his wife from a Dhaka book fair. Five members of the al Qa'ida-inspired domestic militant group Ansar Ullah Bangla Team were convicted of the attack. Two of those facing death penalties escaped after bikers sprayed a chemical on the police before snatching the convicts away. Authorities have launched a massive manhunt in response to the escape.

SOURCE: 21 November 2022, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Bulgaria – Five Charged in Connection with Istanbul Blast**

(U) Sofia – Bulgarian prosecutors have charged five people for supporting terrorist acts in connection with an explosion in central Istanbul that killed six people on 13 November. Bulgarian special police forces detained three men of Moldovan origin and a man and woman of Syrian Kurdish descent last week following investigations and close cooperation with prosecutors in neighboring Turkey. They have been charged with supporting terrorist acts and human trafficking. Turkish prosecutors have already asked for some of the suspected accomplices in the blast to be extradited.

SOURCE: 19 November 2022, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Germany – Former German Reserve Officer Convicted of Spying for Russia**

(U) Berlin – A former German military reserve officer was convicted Friday of spying for Russian intelligence for several years and given a suspended sentence of a year and nine months. The court found that the defendant was in contact from October 2014 with several high-ranking employees of the military attaché's office at the Russian Embassy in Berlin who also worked for Russia's GRU military intelligence service. The officer gave his Russian contacts information on the German military's reserves as well as publications on the security and the defense policy of the US and its Western allies and a link to a working paper on the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline project.

SOURCE: 19 November 2022, [Associated Press](#)

**(U) Ireland – Four Arrested After Bomb Attempt on North Ireland Police**

(U) Strabane – Police investigating the attempted murder of two police officers in County Tyrone in Northern Ireland have arrested four men. The officers had been on patrol in Strabane when a bomb detonated at the side of their vehicle on Thursday. Neither officer was injured in the explosion. Police conducted a number of searches and arrested three men on Friday and a fourth on Saturday. Detectives are investigating whether the dissident republican group the New IRA was behind the attack.

SOURCE: 20 November 2022, [BBC](#)

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